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go to adjudication. An OHA-provided mediator will not be involved in a subsequent adjudication.

§134.807 SBA response.

- (a) If the appeal goes to adjudication, SBA will file and serve the SBA's response to the appeal and a copy of the Dispute File.
- (b) Unless the Judge orders a different date (either on his or her own initiative or on motion by a party), the SBA must file any response to the appeal petition no later than 15 days from the conclusion of mediation or 45 days from the filing of the appeal petition, whichever is later.
- (c) The SBA's response and the Dispute File are normally the last submissions in an appeal, although the Judge may order or permit additional submissions. If a party wishes to file an additional submission, the party must file and serve a motion (see §134.211) accompanied by the proposed submission.

§ 134.808 The decision.

- (a) The Judge will decide the appeal within 45 calendar days (if practicable) from close of record. The decision will affirm, modify, remand, or reverse the AMO's decision.
- (b) The standard of review and burden of proof will be determined by the specific issue presented.
- (c) OHA's decision is an initial decision which becomes the final decision of the SBA 30 calendar days after issuance, unless a party files a request for review pursuant to §134.809.
- (d) OHA's decision is not precedential and it will not be published.

§ 134.809 Review of initial decision.

The Request for Review (RFR) process is the same as in §134.228 except that, for OIG employees:

- (a) The RFR must be served on the Counsel to the Inspector General rather than on the Associate General Counsel for General Law; and
- (b) The deciding official is the Inspector General (or designee) rather than the Administrator.

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§ 136.101 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to effectuate section 119 of the Rehabilitation, Comprehensive Services, and Developmental Disabilities Amendments of 1978, which amended section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to prohibit discrimination on the basis of handicap in programs or activities conducted by Executive agencies or the United States Postal Service.

§ 136.102 Application.

This part applies to all programs or activities conducted by the Small Business Administration except for programs or activities conducted outside the United States that do not involve individuals with handicaps in the United States.

§ 136.103 Definitions.

For purposes of this part, the term— Agency means the Small Business Administration.